



# Raysfield Primary

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you a very happy New Year and hope your Christmas break has been a peaceful and restful one. Many of you would have heard the government's announcement on Wednesday regarding the reopening of primary schools. In South Gloucestershire, our primary schools including Raysfield Primary will be opening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January as planned.

Due to a rise in local and national cases and the news we hear about the new strain of COVID we will be requiring all parents and pupils to be compliant with the measures in place in our school. These regulations will be adhered to stringently, as they were before, in order for us to provide high quality education in a COVID safe environment.

Our measures include:

- Wearing face coverings on site at all times.
- Arrive promptly at 8:45 and pick up at 3:15, observing social distancing wherever possible.
- Only communicate with staff via dojo, email or via phone call (face to face discussions will not be permitted unless urgently required)
- Only visits/visitors deemed essential will be allowed to our site.
- Extensive cleaning of rooms, equipment and of hands is a part of our routine. We continue to ask you to wash hands and check your child/ children's temperature before you leave for school.
- Any child/children presenting with COVID symptoms **MUST** be kept at home until they have been tested for COVID 19.
- The one-way system for KS2 children is still in place and **must be used by all parents and pupils** in KS2 classes.
- Only **ONE** parent to drop off and collect children to reduce the amount of people on site. Can you also make sure your children stay with you during these times and do not mix with children potentially from other bubbles. **The MUGA (all weather pitch) is not to be used before or after school.**

During the Christmas holiday, we have received news that one member of our teaching team has tested positive for COVID. Mr Botha, our Year 4 teacher is only suffering from mild symptoms and all being well will return to teaching Kestrel class on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. I am sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Kestrel class will be taught by one of our regular supply teachers during the w/c 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We thank you in advance for respecting our requests for keeping staff and pupils safe during this time. At Raysfield we will continue to provide a safe learning environment for all our young people and look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Kindest regards

Mrs Claire Hill